

THE PUBLIC FORUM

SAY, H. E. SHECK!—There is a letter at The Day Book office for you.

A SONG FOR 1917

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Oh, I wish I'd a soldier for a sweetheart,
heart,

A soldier or a sailor so brave,
One who gladly would die for his
country

If need be his country to save,
I've no use for a man who's a coward,
Who cringes at the bugle's call.
If I can't have soldier for a sweetheart,
heart,

I don't want a sweetheart at all.

Not a fop who can think of fashion's follies,

Not a sport who can play golf with
vim,

Not a miser that stays to pile up dollars

While his country is calling for
him.

Just a man who is brave and courageous,

Who rallies at his country's call.

If I can't have a soldier for a sweetheart,
heart,

I won't have a sweetheart at all.

(Chorus.)

Three cheers for our men who are
fighting,

Three cheers for our new men so
brave,

Three cheers for our army and navy,

Three cheers for our colors that
wave.

Oh, long may they wave o'er our
country

And never in ignomy fall,

If my sweetheart won't fight for his
country,

He can't be my sweetheart at all.

REPLY TO DARROW. — At one time all legal disputes between individuals were decided by armed combat, the victor being awarded the verdict. Criminal cases were decided the same way.

As the world became more enlightened, force was supplanted in all law cases by reason. Until about the time of the Civil war the duel was the way gentlemen vindicated their honor. This habit has also become obsolete as men became more enlightened.

Armed force is still regarded by some as justifiable where national honor, rights, etc., are concerned. But in the United States are many people who regard armed force as stupid, expensive and cruel.

Clarence Darrow mentions by way of illustration the prizefighter who resorts to foul tactics because he cannot win any other way. Therefore he ought to be disqualified—and he compares the prizefighter with Germany.

Granted, but suppose one of the spectators steps in and gets a clout by accident? Or suppose he sells a horseshoe to one of the fighters to place in his glove? Wouldn't the other fellow be justified in saying that the next time the spectator stepped over the line he would swat him?

The course of the United States is that of the spectator who sells a horseshoe to one of the fighters in the ring, thanks to our munition makers, etc. And now we are grieved because this internationally correct practice is about to be stopped.

Clarence Darrow also refers to the words of Patrick Henry, that the Revolutionary war was not the result of a sudden passion for liberty, but the logical and inevitable fruit of the years of agitation and discussion which preceded the country's break with England.

To the superficial student of American history, the Revolutionary war was the result of an outbreak of passionate lovers of liberty; to the intelligent student it was the natural fruit of the many years of education and agitation, which were carried on by the pioneers. Most of these pioneers who gave up their time and